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General Smith: That I certainly do agree with. I couldn't go along with the [REDACTED] recommendation that we place all of this responsibility at this time on a board, but I do think that Mr. Kirkpatrick's suggestion is helpful and is not inconsistent with what Mr. Becker just said, that if by trying to get some sort of interagency coordination while at the same time we progress with our own house-cleaning job inside, that we can probably arrive at the point where either through a committee of this sort or otherwise we can provide cross-coordination and prevent some of the duplication. I would be perfectly willing to do that.

Deputy Secretary Foster: The staff might give a little thought to the revision of this Loomis report -- a set of recommendations.

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General Smith: I would suggest since we do have before us the [REDACTED] report now and since action at least on the report itself is called for, that we decline at this time to accept the report but that considering the remarks which have been made today and the mechanism which is now in effect, we ask for further recommendations from the staff along that line boiled down to a pretty brief statement of what is being and what can be done to follow up the suggestions that have been made here today.

Deputy Secretary Foster: I would accept that, sir.

General Smith: Is that all right?

Assistant Secretary Sargeant: Yes, indeed. I think that is a good suggestion.

General Smith: I'd like to hear from the experts. Can you work it out?

Mr. Becker: Yes, indeed. May I suggest that it would be most helpful if the staff would associate itself with the inter-agency coordination that is presently in existence, because speaking broadly, there are working level committees that are engaged actively day by day in coordination and if they would associate themselves with that, it would be very much welcomed and they could formulate any recommendations.

Deputy Secretary Foster: That certainly would be appropriate. We'd be glad to do that, I am sure, Don.

General Smith: We'll do it in a modest way and not get too far afield.